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GENERAL HAMLETT PLANS FOLLOW UP STEINSTUECKEN MATTER WITH PERSONAL CALL ON ZAKHAROV TO REASSERT POSITION TAKEN HIS ORTGINAL PROTEST

REEMPHASIZING SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY PREVENT VIOLATIONS OUR

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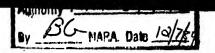
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HE PLANS ALSO COMPLAIN TO ZAKHAROV REGARDING SOME DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN DESPATCHING WRECKERS AND REPAIR ASSISTANCE IN OTHER CARS TO HELP AMERICAN AUTOMOBILES SUFFERING BREAKDOWNS ON AUTOBAHN. THIS MATTER BEING REPORTED IN MORE DETAIL IN OTHER MESSAGES.

IN COURSE HIS CALL ON GENERAL HAMLETT LAST WEEK, GENERAL ZAKHAROV RAISED QUESTION WITH REGARD TO WHICH GENERAL HAMLETT HAS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS (PARAGRAPH 1 OURTEL TO BONN 123). MATTER INVOLVES INTELLIGENCE OPERATION ABOUT WHICH BOTH USBER AND USCOB DELIBERATELY KEPT UNINFORMED, GENERAL OBLIGED REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION TO IN THIS CASE EXTENT NECESSARY REPLY ZAKHAROV. USBER STILL COMPLETELY UN-INFORMED. GENERAL HAMLETT STATES THAT MATTER IS OF SUGH NATURE THAT HE BELIEVES IT UNWISE FOR HIM TO SEEK FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH ZAKHAROV ON ANY MATTER WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCT PONS

WITH REGARD TO CONFLICT BETWEEN REPORTS THAT STEINSTUECKEN PERMANENT

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ENTERED BY 20 VOPOS AND ASSERTION IN ZAKHAROV LETTER THAT ONLY ONE VOPO ENTERED AMERICAN SECTOR, STUDY REPORTS RECEIVED INDICATES POSSIBILITY THAT QUESTION NATURE AND DEGREE OF VIOLATION MIGHT TURN ON EXTENT TO WHICH PRESENCE VOPOS ON SOVIET ZONAL OPERATED RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY CROSSING STEINSTUECKEN CONSTITUTES VIOLATION AMERICAN SECTORAL TERRITORY. IN WEST BERLIN SPECIAL SOVIET ZONAL RAILWAY POLICE ARE PERMITTED TO POLICE RAILWAY LINES UNDER SOVIET ZONAL OPERATION BUT WEST BERLIN POLICE FORBID ACCESS THESE LINES BY VOPOS. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT IN PAST VOPOS HAVE CROSSED THROUGH STEINSTUECKEN ON RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY APPARENTLY ON ASSUMPTION THAT IN SO DOING THEY WERE NOT VIOLATING AMERICAN SECTORAL TERRITORY.

WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES ARE RECHECKING ALL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE EXACT EXTENT AND MANNER VIOLATION OCCURRED AND HOPE MAKE FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TOMORROW. IN COURSE OF FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS MATTER WITH SOVIETS WE SHALL MAINTAIN POSITION THAT WHILE RAILWAY LINE IS OF NECESSITY OPEN TO USE AND APPROPRIATE INSPECTION AND POLICING BY RAILWAY AUTHORITIES FOR PURELY RAILWAY OPERATIONAL PURPOSES, IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SOVIET ZONAL TERRITORY AND IS NOT OPEN TO ACCESS BY VOPOS.

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